



MEMORANDUM

Date: February 13, 2009

To: California Public and Academic Libraries

From: Susan Hildreth *Susan Hildreth*
State Librarian of California

RE: 2009/10 "California of the Past" Digital Storytelling Grant Program

I'm pleased to announce we are now accepting applications for the 2009/10 "California of the Past" Digital Storytelling Grant Program. Up to ten awards will be granted in 2009/10.

Under this program, the State Library will provide a digital storytelling station, onsite training in use of the digital station and in promotion of the project, and a small grant to support the promotion and operations of a digital storytelling station to a maximum of twelve libraries. During the grant year, those libraries selected to participate in the program will solicit members of the community to visit the library to record their memories of California or of their local community in the past, for example, stories of what main street used to be like, or memories of raising their children in the community, or stories their parents would tell of life in the area when they first moved here. These stories can address the recent past or distant past. Both long time residents and more recent residents will be encouraged to share their memories. These digital stories will be made accessible on a central website of "California of the Past" stories. Sample stories recorded by libraries participating in the pilot project for this program can be viewed at www.digitalstorystation.com.

The program guidelines and application form for this program can be found on State Library's website at <http://www.library.ca.gov/grants/lsta/apply.html>. The deadline for receipt of applications 4:00 p.m. on May 4, 2009.

If you have any questions about the application or program, please contact Kathy Low, Library Programs Consultant, at (916) 653-6822, or by email at klow@library.ca.gov.